

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### *Routine Proceedings, pages S503–S528*

**Measures Introduced:** Eighteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3569–3586, and S. Res. 503–505. **Pages S523–24**

#### **Measures Reported:**

Report to accompany S. 66, to require the Inter-Agency Task Force on Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia to develop a plan for reducing, mitigating, and controlling harmful algal blooms and hypoxia in South Florida. (S. Rept. No. 117–64)

Report to accompany S. 198, to require the Federal Communications Commission to incorporate data on maternal health outcomes into its broadband health maps. (S. Rept. No. 117–65)

Report to accompany S. 1747, to provide for an equitable management of summer flounder based on geographic, scientific, and economic data. (S. Rept. No. 117–66)

Report to accompany S. 2299, to modify the age requirement for the Student Incentive Payment Program of the State maritime academies. (S. Rept. No. 117–67)

H.R. 960, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3493 Burnet Avenue in Cincinnati, Ohio, as the “John H. Leahr and Herbert M. Heilbrun Post Office”.

S. 998, to provide grants to States that do not suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew a driver’s license of a person or refuse to renew a registration of a motor vehicle for failure to pay a civil or criminal fine or fee, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1787, to amend title 28 of the United States Code to prevent the transfer of actions arising under the antitrust laws in which a State is a complainant. **Page S523**

#### **Measures Passed:**

***Commemorating the Success of the United States Olympic and Paralympic Teams:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 505, commemorating the success of the United States Olympic and Paralympic Teams in the past 24 Olympic Winter Games and 12 Paralympic

Winter Games and supporting the United States Olympic and Paralympic Teams in the 2022 Olympic Winter Games and Paralympic Winter Games. **Page S527**

***Coffeyville Community College Red Ravens Men’s Basketball Team:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 504, commending and congratulating the Coffeyville Community College Red Ravens men’s basketball team on winning the 2021 National Junior College Athletic Association Division I men’s basketball championship. **Page S527**

***National Trafficking and Modern Slavery Prevention Month:*** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 500, supporting the observation of National Trafficking and Modern Slavery Prevention Month during the period beginning on January 1, 2022, and ending on February 1, 2022, to raise awareness of, and opposition to, human trafficking and modern slavery, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S527**

***VA Naming Facilities:*** Committee on Veterans’ Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 3527, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to transfer the name of property of the Department of Veterans Affairs designated by law to other property of the Department, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S527–28**

Wyden (for Tester/Moran) Amendment No. 4923, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S527–28**

***Andrew K. Baker Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic:*** Committee on Veterans’ Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 2159, to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 400 College Drive, Middleburg, Florida, as the “Andrew K. Baker Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S528**

***Navy Corpsman Steve Andrews Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Clinic:*** Committee on Veterans’ Affairs was discharged from further

consideration of H.R. 1281, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Gaylord, Michigan, as the “Navy Corpsman Steve Andrews Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Clinic”, and the bill was then passed.

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Appointments:

**Commission on Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution Reform:** The Chair, pursuant to Public Law 117–81, on behalf of the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the Commission on Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution Reform: Jennifer Santos of Virginia.

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**Baker Nomination—Cloture:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Alexandra Baker, of New Jersey, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 70 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. EX. 33), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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**Lewis Nomination—Cloture:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Reta Jo Lewis, of Georgia, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 54 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. EX. 34), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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**Stark Nomination—Cloture:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Leonard Philip Stark, of Delaware, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 54 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. EX. 35), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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**MacBride Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultations with the Republican Leader, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Neil Harvey MacBride, of Virginia, to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury, that there be 30 minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form on the nomination; and that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nomination.

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**Nominations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all post-cloture time with respect to all nominations on which cloture was invoked on February 2 and 3, 2022, be considered expired, and that the votes on confirmation of the nominations be at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 5:30 p.m., on Monday February 7, 2022, Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations of Ebony M. Scott, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, and Donald Walker Tunnage, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, as provided under the previous order.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Claudia Slacik, of New York, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2023.

Thomas E. Rothman, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2026.

Elizabeth M. Sembler, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2026.

Laura Gore Ross, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2028.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Michael J. Adler, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Sudan.

John T. Godfrey, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Sudan.

Edward Gabriel, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term of four years.

Nathalie Rayes, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term of four years.

Mary Green Swig, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term of four years.

Dara Lindenbaum, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2027.

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**Executive Communications:**

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**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—35) Pages S507–08

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and recessed at 4:41 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, February 7, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S528.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Sarah Bloom Raskin, of Maryland, to be Vice Chairman for Supervision, and to be a Member of the Board of Governors, and Lisa DeNell Cook, of Michigan, and Philip Nathan Jefferson, of North Carolina, both to be a Member of the Board

of Governors, all of the Federal Reserve System, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of William J. Valdez, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Management, Dimitri Kusnezov, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Science and Technology, and Kenneth L. Wainstein, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, all of the Department of Homeland Security, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2710, to promote competition and reduce gatekeeper power in the app economy, increase choice, improve quality, and reduce costs for consumers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Sharon Bradford Franklin, of Maryland, to be Chairman and Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, and Beth Ann Williams, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 23 public bills, H.R. 6577–6599; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 905–606, were introduced. Pages H946–47

**Additional Cosponsors:** Page H948

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Clark (MA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H921

**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:25 p.m. and reconvened at 3:31 p.m. Page H934

**Bioeconomy Research and Development Act:** The House considered H.R. 4521, to provide for a coordinated Federal research initiative to ensure continued United States leadership in engineering biology. Pages H925–34, H934–44

Agreed to:

Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX) en bloc amendment No. 1 consisting of the following amendments printed in part D of H. Rept. 117–241 that was debated on February 2nd: Adams (No. 1) that increases funding for the Capacity Building Program for Developing Universities, ensure that like institutions only compete with like institutions, and expand eligibility to ensure that HBCU's and MSIs that do not have R1 status can receive funds; Auchincloss (No. 2) that amends Division D Section 30241 Subtitle G to read "to counter the PRC Government's efforts to spread disinformation and disburse vaccines in exchange for exploitative concessions in low- to middle-income countries while maintaining US engagement with and support for multilateral vaccine procurement and equitable distribution"; Auchincloss (No. 3) that amends Division D Section 30216 line 22 and insert "auto-disable syringes," after